### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF ANTHONY EARLE, NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 21-198-TR-CVF

#### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on December 17, 2021

**{¶ 1}** Staff served a notice of preliminary determination upon Anthony Earle in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-12, alleging a violation of the Commission's transportation regulations.

**{¶ 2}** On March 3, 2021, Anthony Earle requested an administrative hearing in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-13.

**{¶ 3}** In an Entry issued April 5, 2021, a prehearing conference call was scheduled for April 27, 2021. Staff participated in the call but was unable to contact Mr. Earle at that time.

{¶ 4} Accordingly, a prehearing conference call was scheduled for May 21, 2021.Both parties participated in the conference but were unable to reach an agreement.

**{¶ 5}** The attorney examiner finds that a hearing shall be held remotely on January 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and will be conducted using virtual hearing technology. Instructions for participation in the evidentiary hearing will be emailed to the parties. Additionally, all exhibits intended to be used on direct and cross-examination shall be marked and exchanged by the parties and provided to the attorney examiner via electronic means prior to the hearing. Individuals interested in attending the evidentiary hearing as a non-party can access the hearing using the link <u>http://bit.ly/21-198-EVH</u> and entering the password PUCO, or by calling 1-408-418-9388 and entering access code/event number 2333 123 6512.

**{¶ 6}** Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-14(E) provides that a respondent who has requested an administrative hearing and fails to participate in the hearing proceeding shall be in default. The rule further states that a respondent in default shall be deemed to have admitted the occurrence of the violation and waived all further right to contest liability to the state for the forfeiture described in the notice.

{¶ 7} At the hearing, Staff must prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Respondent committed the alleged violation, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-20(A).

**{**¶ 8**}** Following Staff's presentation of evidence at the hearing, it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to present evidence supporting his contentions regarding the alleged violation in this matter.

**{¶ 9}** It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing take place as scheduled remotely on January 10, 2022, in accordance with Paragraph 5. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/James M. Lynn

By: James M. Lynn Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering that the evidentiary hearing take place as scheduled remotely on January 10, 2022, in accordance with Paragraph 5 electronically filed by Heather A. Chilcote on behalf of James M. Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission